

**SEC. 826. VALUE OF MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.**

The proviso in section 8(a) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(a)) is amended by striking ", and shall be adjusted"

and all that follows through "\$5".

**SEC. 827. BENEFITS ON RECERTIFICATION.**

Section 8(c)(2)(B) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(c)(2)(B)) is amended by striking "of more than one month".

**SEC. 828. OPTIONAL COMBINED ALLOTMENT FOR EXPEDITED HOUSEHOLDS.**

Section 8(c) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017(c))

is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following:

"(3) OPTIONAL COMBINED ALLOTMENT FOR EXPEDITED HOUSEHOLDS.—A State agency may provide to an eligible household applying after the 15th day of a month, in lieu of the initial allotment of the household and the regular allotment of the household for the following month, an allotment that is equal to the total amount of the initial allotment and the first regular allotment. The allotment shall be provided in accordance with section 11(e)(3) in the case of a household that is not entitled to expedited service and in accordance with paragraphs (3) and (9) of section 11(e) in the case of a household that is entitled to expedited service."

**SEC. 829. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH OTHER MEANS-TESTED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

Section 8 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017) is amended by striking subsection (d) and inserting the following:

"(d) REDUCTION OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—If the benefits of a household are reduced under a Federal, State, or local law relating to a means-tested public assistance program for the failure of a member of the household to perform an action required under the law or program, for the duration of the reduction—

"(A) the household may not receive an increased allotment as the result of a decrease in the income of the household to the extent that the decrease is the result of the reduction; and

"(B) the State agency may reduce the allotment of the household by not more than 25 percent.

"(2) RULES AND PROCEDURES.—If the allotment of a household is reduced under this subsection for a failure to perform an action required under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the State agency may

use the  
rules and procedures that apply under part A of  
title IV of  
the Act to reduce the allotment under the food stamp  
program."

**SEC. 830. ALLOTMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS RESIDING IN CENTERS.**

Section 8 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2017)  
is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(f) ALLOTMENTS FOR HOUSEHOLDS RESIDING IN  
CENTERS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an individual who  
resides  
in a center for the purpose of a drug or alcoholic  
treatment

program described in the last sentence of section  
3(i). a State  
agency may provide an allotment for the individual  
to—y

"(A) the center as an authorized  
representative of the  
individual for a period that is less than 1  
month; and